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Pride over Leo's Appeal birthday

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Phoebe's turning miles into money

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An ice surprise in aid of charity

STAFF at the new Banana Tree restaurant at The Hub took part in the Ice Bucket Challenge that has been taking the world by storm.

The challenge has been used to raise awareness of Motor Nuerone Disease. If nominated, those challenged must take part or donate money to a charity of their choice.

After completing the dare, manager Wanida Sae-Lau said: "It's a really fun way to raise money and awareness for some great charities."

As well as braving the ice cold water yesterday, the generous staff pledged to donate money to the Motor Nuerone Disease Association.

For more on this story, visit www.mkweb.co.uk

New homes, schools and doctors 'in doubt'

BY SCOTT KIRK

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THE building of houses, schools and doctor's surgeries in the city is 'clouded in doubt' unless more funding comes from the Government, according to a senior Milton Keynes councillor.

Milton Keynes Council wants to build 28,000 homes by 2026, but government money to pay for the infrastructure to go with them – such as schools, GP services and community centres – has been frozen until 2020.

It leaves the authority facing a huge dilemma over whether it should build new homes.

This news comes amid a housing crisis in the city – with the council having to buy 40 houses in January to ease the shortage of homes, as previously reported by MK NEWS.

This newspaper has also reported on a six-week waiting list for some residents in the east of the city to see a GP, and extra housing will only exacerbate the problem.

"If we can't provide the infrastructure then the community and council's appetite to follow through on those houses will be massively diminished," said Cllr Rob Middleton, cabinet portfolio holder for resources, efficiency and growth.

"We face a massive challenge. If we don't provide the facilities the communities demand, they are not going to accept new housing growth.

"If we don't get that money then the future of house building is clouded in doubt."

The problems have come about due to changes in how the Government funds house building by councils.

Under new rules, money is given to councils based on population size and this has been frozen until 2020 based on the number of residents in 2013.

But with at least an extra 30,000 people expected to arrive in Milton Keynes by 2020, this will leave the city out of pocket.

Cllr Middleton added the rules had to be changed or more money will need to come from the Government to pay for the infrastructure for new homes. Council leader Pete Marland is now putting together a bid to try and get more cash from Whitehall.

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THE number one website in Milton Keynes – **www.mkweb.co.uk** – has just got even better!

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Once you have set up a profile on the site, you can also follow other users.

So if someone posts content you enjoy reading, you can follow them to make it easy to find whatever they have contributed to the site.

Of course there is still the news and sport channels, which will bring you all the latest as it happens, and our popular leisure section.

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Green event: Bugella Burrows shows Oliver Goldsmith-Tew, seven, a giant millipede

Kids get the bug at green event

MINIBEASTS, bugs and a giant African snail attracted swarms of families to a fun-filled sustainable event at the weekend.

Children got their hands dirty as the Big Green Leaf event at MK1 Shopping Park, in Bletchley, took place.

Colourful characters, including Bugella Burrows and Walter Droplet, hosted a wide range of interactive sustainability and eco-friendly activities to encourage youngsters to help look after the environment.

From beneath a giant inflatable leaf canopy, Slimon the real giant African snail and Oozmelda the millipede were joined by other creepy crawlies in a bid to get kids more involved in looking after and learning about insects.

Jo Francis, from The Crown Estate, which owns MK1, said: "It went down a storm and it was lovely to see so many families getting involved."

Almost £5k for a season ticket as rail fares rise

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THOUSANDS of commuters in the city may have to fork out nearly £5,000 for a season ticket to London when rail fares are increased again.

The cost of a ticket from Milton Keynes Central to Euston is expected to rise to £4,939 in January – £167 more than the current price of £4,772.

The price of rail fares is set by a formula used by the Government of the retail price index (RPI) (inflation), plus one per cent.

With RPI currently running at 2.5 per cent, this means regulated fares will go up by 3.5 per cent in January, although train firms have the ability to increase some fares by a further two per cent.

Firmly against the rises is Labour's parliamentary candidate for MK South Andrew Pakes, who said: "How many people have seen their wages go up by anything near this amount in recent years? A commuter earning £25,000 will be paying 20 per cent of their gross salary just for the privilege of getting to work.

"We need a strict cap on fare increases to provide value for money for passengers."

Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South and parliamentary secretary for the Secretary of State for Transport, said: "Nobody likes to see rail fares go up and it is important to remember the Government inherited a rail system that was in a mess. We have invested heavily in the railways on modernisation."

Alan Francis, who was a member of the former Milton Keynes Rail Users Group, said: "Rail fares need to go down. They are higher in the UK than in any of the other countries on the continent."

Council 'guilty of neglect to environment'

THE leader of the city's Liberal Democrat party believes Milton Keynes Council is guilty of 'environmental neglect'.

In a post on his website, Cllr Douglas McCall lambasts the authority, saying residents are 'not happy that the place where they live is starting to look run down and neglected'.

He adds: "We are being inundated with complaints by residents about potholes, poor quality of pavements, long grass, overgrown bushes blocking footpaths and covering street signs, missing directional and street signs and weeds in gutters.

"This can all be summarised as environmental neglect by the council."

Pete Marland, leader of the council, responded: "We have inherited a number of issues from the previous Tory administration, such as a pothole repair backlog and a number of landscaping problems.

"In the eight weeks we have been in charge I hope people can see we are moving forward and in November our new landscaping contract starts.

"We will work flat out to tackle some of the issues Cllr McCall talks about."

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Drumming up some fun: Milton Keynes mayor Subhan Shafiq takes part in the MK Carers' party

Drumming party is big hit

CHARITY MK Carers drummed up plenty of interest yesterday as mayor Subhan Shafiq joined in with its annual party.

Councillor Shafiq attended the organisation's drumming party for the second year running, having taken part in 2013 in his position as deputy mayor.

The instruments prove popular with children who are helped by the charity.

Cllr Shafiq said: "It's an amazing experience to see how the children react to the drums and it's great to see parents socialising and enjoying themselves too."

MK Carers is an independent charity established in 2006, which provides support for unpaid family carers in the Milton Keynes area.

It holds various events throughout the year, all of which are free for carers to take part in.

Police injured at illegal rave

BY JAMES AVERILL

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POLICE officers were left needing hospital treatment after breaking up an illegal rave.

The rave, which hundreds of people turned up to at Petsoe Manor Farm in Emberton, began on Saturday and officers worked through the night before shutting it down on Sunday afternoon.

Music equipment and vehicles were seized by cops, but officers faced what they called 'a hostile crowd' as they tried to break the illegal gathering up.

Two officers were injured in the operation, in which it has been reported cops were pelted with bottles and bricks.

Acting Local Area Commander, Chief Inspector Jim O'Ryan, said: "Officers worked through the night to shut it down and used a proportional response in order to do so.

"Two officers were injured during the course of carrying out their duties and were taken to hospital for treatment to their injuries. They have since been discharged."

Police have made a number of arrests and charged one man following the rave.

Kevin Reynolds, 54, from Gloucester, was charged with one count of criminal damage to property valued under £5,000. He has been released on police bail and is due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on September 2.

Four men from Hertfordshire and a 23-year-old man of no fixed abode were also arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and offences against the state or public order. All have been bailed until October 3.

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First order issued

A MAN who threatened to kill his ex-partner was issued with the first Domestic Violence Protection Order in MK on Thursday. More online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Carriage feedback

MILTON Keynes Council has commissioned a survey to provide feedback on the level of service provided by Hackney Carriages. It follows a decision to limit the number of them last year. More at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Support #GCSEMK

DON'T forget on GCSE results day tomorrow to use the #GCSEMK hashtag online!

Woman raped in Fishermead

AN 18-YEAR-OLD woman was followed by a man and then raped in Fishermead.

She was walking over the footbridge crossing H6 Childs Way towards the Fishermead estate when she passed a group of men.

One of the gang followed her before carrying out the attack in Pencarrow Place.

CCTV images and an e-fit have been released of potential suspects, which can be viewed at www.mkweb.co.uk. Anyone with details about the incident, which happened on August 3 between 1am and 1.15am, should call the police on 101.

Glass attacker locked up

A MAN who smashed a glass over another man's head has been jailed for seven years.

Anthony William Peach, 23, of Engaine Drive, Shenley Church End, approached the male at Roman's Park Residents' Club in Bancroft Park and hit him over the head with a glass on July 12 last year. He ran off, but was arrested later that evening.

Peach was found guilty of grievous bodily harm at Aylesbury Crown Court on August 7.

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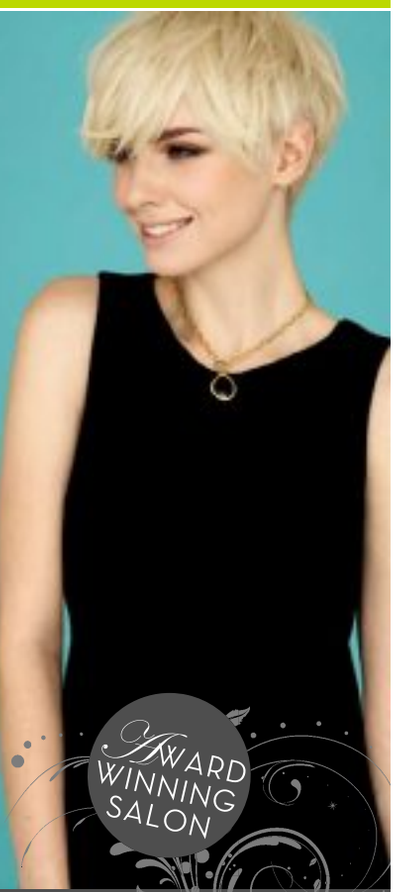

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Shut door on homes

I ATTENDED the West Bletchley Council meeting on August 11 to discuss the erection of 57 residential units at the former council depot in Sherwood Drive.

There was a discussion on what impact it will have on people living very close to that area and also for residents in central and West Bletchley.

The local residents are still not very clear on how many flats or houses are going to be built in this enclosed area.

While the builders talked about two-and-a-half, three and four-storey buildings, they did not give the exact number of flats that will be built in each unit and how many of them will be for social housing.

What will be the size of the families moving in? There are only 30 parking spaces which are officially allocated on the map.

Already several housing complexes are coming up near Sherwood Drive.

Milton Keynes College is expanding and several hundred flats are built inside the complex.

Next to the college, hundreds of flats and houses are part of the Bletchley Park development – and they are still building.

Bletchley Park has become an international attraction for the work done there during the Second World War and it is busy during weekends and in the summer as several functions and exhibitions are organised there.

Visitors tend to park on the roadside in Sherwood Drive.

There is also a car rental firm opposite the station, which blocks the traffic at peak times with long vehicles delivering cars.

The most important issue is the traffic problems that will be created around the railway station.

It is very close to the entrance of the new development and this is going to affect traffic flow during peak hours.

More than 300 cars are parked in the station car park, in addition to several parked on the road.

The number of commuters using the station has increased considerably and the number will rise even further when the Oxford-Bletchley-Milton Keynes line comes into operation.

Residents living in west and central Bletchley use Sherwood Drive to get to the station. The roundabout next to the station is very busy during peak times and cannot take any additional traffic.

Several people have moved from London to Bletchley since house prices are cheaper here than in the capital and flats are available to buy or rent very close to the station.

A larger development like this will have an impact on local schools, surgeries and public transport. Most of the councillors who support this development do not live here. I suggest they actually visit the site.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent via email

Enjoying park life

I ATTENDED the wonderful concert in Campbell Park on Friday evening.

It was great to see a huge crowd turn out to support the Milton Keynes City Orchestra and The Parks Trust at its annual Proms in the Park event.

The crowd joined in with patriotic numbers like Land of Hope and Glory and Rule Britannia and the spectacular fireworks display was a fitting end to a memorable evening.

The drive-in and open air cinema events also took place in the park at the weekend – again highlighting the amount of things there are to do in MK. It's events like these that make me so glad to live here.

Louise Payne, Newport Pagnell

Call to end bloodshed

FOR the last few weeks I have scoured the pages of MK NEWS looking for a comment from our Milton Keynes MPs, Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart, on the horrendous Israeli assault on the civilians of Gaza.

Their silence on the issue has been conspicuous.

In contrast, hundreds of their constituents have been queuing up at the Milton Keynes Palestine Solidarity Campaign's stall, held in central MK for the last few weeks, to sign a petition to David Cameron urging his Government to call on Israel to stop their bombing of innocent Palestinian men, women and children.

Almost 2,000 Palestinians have been killed, almost 10,000 people injured and houses, schools, hospitals and mosques have been bombed, yet our MPs have remained silent.

Gaza is the size of the Isle of Wight and has been under siege by the Israeli Government for the last seven years – David Cameron has referred to Gaza as being like a prison camp yet he has failed to tell the Israeli Government to stop their carnage.

Let us all write to Mark Lancaster and Iain Stewart to demand they speak out to end the siege of Gaza, end the occupation of Palestine and work for a just settlement for the people of Palestine and Israel.

Dave Brunwin
Stony Stratford

For more on this, turn to page 16

Steer towards change

REGARDING your recent stories about the safety review of Milton Keynes roads.

In line with other comments that have been made, the speed limit should be kept as it is.

However, it should be reduced to 40mph and CCTV installed at roundabouts as some think it is their right to barrel into them at top speed and cut off those stopped and patiently waiting for their turn to get on.

Wire fences should be put up along the dual carriageways, like the ones near Milton Keynes Hospital, to stop idiots crossing roads at bus stops in front of traffic travelling at 70mph because they cannot be bothered to use the nearby underpasses.

Had I been doing 70mph, and not 50mph, some years ago I could have wiped out three school kids who had just got off a bus on the V8 and were just drifting across the road.

There should not be any right hand turns across dual carriageways across the city. Motorists should only be allowed to turn left and do a 360 at the next roundabout, as in Springfield and other locations.

Suicidal cyclists should be banned from all grid roads as they are from motorways.

Large signs up pointing out the risks (i.e. death) and directing people to the available redways should be used all over the city.

Milton Keynes should be treated just like America, on which our grid road system is based, with signs put up saying 'no pedestrians allowed' either along or across them.

P Jones
Springfield

Ian needs to get a grip

I WAS stunned to read about Ian Poulter's comments on Twitter, reported in last week's MK NEWS.

I can only imagine the despair he must have suffered when his nanny was downgraded from business class and could no longer help his wife look after their kids.

Perhaps he should spend less time Tweeting and instead focus on some real life tragedies such as the events in Gaza. It may give him some perspective.

Roger Hodson
Bletchley

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Pensioner fined for bus exploits

A PENSIONER who hit the headlines after 'shampooing his genitals' on a bus has been fined again – this time for masturbating twice.

While alighting the X5 from Bedford to Milton Keynes, 75-year-old Philip Milne was confronted but ran off and assaulted the ticket inspector as he went.

He pleaded guilty at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court last Wednesday to two counts of committing an act of outraging public decency and also to one count of assault.

Last September he was fined for a similar incident after using shampoo to 'soothe his groin'.

On that occasion he was described as 'semi-erect' but claimed in court that he was 'no hardened criminal'.

He later pledged he had 'learned his lesson'.

But the lesson was clearly forgotten when Milne, of Water Eaton Road, Bletchley, was caught masturbating on the same route on February 11 and March 19 this year.

David Harris, prosecuting, told the court how two females had witnessed both offences.

In the March incident a lady notified a ticket inspector at Milton Keynes. The inspector boarded the bus and asked if he could have a word with Milne, who 'pushed' him as he left.

Defending Milne, David Harris said: "Mr Milne is 76 next month and is unable to provide an explanation as to what was going on.

"I have seen the assault footage and he just barges past the inspector, there isn't even a push, although it is technically an assault.

Guilty: Philip Milne admitted the charges against him

"He has no other offending other than the similar conviction last year.

"He cannot articulate why suddenly at the age of 75 he has started doing this."

Handing down his sentence, chairman of the magistrates, Derek Messenger, told Milne: "We do find that the acts you committed were intentional and we intend to punish each one with a fine."

The OAP was fined £220 for each charge of committing an act of outraging public decency and ordered to pay a £22 victim surcharge and £85 court costs. While the assault will stay on his criminal record, no separate fine was given for the 'minor' offence.

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Child's phone stolen

A 12-YEAR-OLD had his Samsung Galaxy S3 mini stolen during a robbery on a redway near the BP Linford Wood garage on Friday, August 8. Phone 101 if you have any information.

Arrests at football

FIVE away fans were arrested and seven removed from stadiummk during the MK Dons v AFC Wimbledon match last Tuesday night. An investigation into the incident is being carried out by the club.

Solar farm approved

A SOLAR farm looks set to be built just north of Littlewood Farm in Hanslope after Milton Keynes Council's development control committee approved a planning application on Thursday. It is subject to an acceptable land classification survey being carried out.

CCTV released after bar brawl

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a man they would like to speak to following a fight at a city centre bar.

At around 2am on Sunday, August 10 a fight started on the ground floor of Lloyds in Savoy Crescent, which involved a number of men.

One man threw a bottle during the fight, which hit the victim, who was a bystander, causing him actual bodily harm. The 20-year-old suffered a cut to his bottom lip, which required stitches and will need dental treatment. He has since been discharged from MK Hospital.

The person depicted in the CCTV is white, of medium build, 5ft 10ins, aged in his early 20s, with short dark hair. He is wearing a distinctive white t-shirt with a pattern of bands across his body. Call police on 101.

To see the CCTV image
Visit mkweb.co.uk/news

Charge after firearm shot

A 24-YEAR-OLD man has been charged in connection with a firearm incident in Bletchley.

Josh Mcateer, of High Street, Stony Stratford, was charged on Sunday with one count of possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life/enable an other to do so.

The charge relates to an incident in St Helena Avenue, Newton Leys, on August 11 when a shot was fired at the door of a property.

He appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Monday and was remanded in custody. He is expected to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court on August 26.

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Our biggest game

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS chairman Pete Winkelman has told MK NEWS their match against Manchester United will be 'the biggest in the club's history'.

Dons were drawn against the 20 times Premier League champions in the second round of the Capital One Cup last Wednesday.

It is expected that the match next Tuesday will result in the stadiummk being sold out for the first time for club football. Season ticket holders queued for tickets for four hours on Friday, while others waited from 2am on Saturday. Thousands of fans lined up yesterday when tickets went on general sale. There were 9,000 tickets sold in an 'unprecedented day of sales'.

"It has taken us 10 years to have a really great draw in a cup competition," Pete said.

"It couldn't have been a better draw and I can't wait for the game. We've had queues around the box office ever since it was announced. It's going to be the biggest game in the history of the club."

Most of the footballing world expect Man United to beat Dons, but Pete said the game may not be as straightforward as people think.

"We're playing some nice football this season and I think we've got a little bit more of a goal threat, so I think it's going to be a good game and it's not a given.

"What a game like this does is take people who may have been sat on the fence who can come and experience what it's like at stadiummk."

Excitement: Fans queued for tickets on Tuesday

THE MK Dons v Manchester United match will inject £2million into the local economy, according to Destination MK's chief executive Steven Gordon-Wilson.

That figure includes money people will pay for hotels, taxis and restaurants, and the tourism organisation has received reports that several hotels are already filling up.

"It's about keeping Milton Keynes at the top of the agenda when it comes to national and international events and this game is massive," said Steven.

Pete Marland, leader of Milton Keynes Council, added: "It's brilliant and it's probably one of the biggest things to happen to the city."

We asked Dons fans: Are you looking forward to the match?

"I was shocked and surprised when Man United came out of the draw. This is the biggest game they've played."
Josh Crussell, 18

"It's brilliant and there should be a really good atmosphere. It's a game we've been waiting for for a number of seasons."
Roz Josling, 66

"It will be good to see the stadium full and I can't wait to watch us against a top Premier League side.
Paul Ellis, 44

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Fired up over online 'abuse'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE chief fire officer for Milton Keynes has said that online 'abuse' during a series of strikes has 'taken its toll' on both himself and his staff.

Mark Jones, of Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire and Rescue Service, has had to deal with criticism from members of the Fire Brigades Union, who slammed his decision not to allow firefighters back to work for the rest of their shift after being on the picket line.

But in an email to councillors shortly before the latest series of strikes, which ended on Sunday, Mr Jones said that personal abuse online from the public had started to have an impact on him.

In the email, seen by MK NEWS, he wrote: "Like all officers, I am tested by these events and the disgusting online abuse and personal attacks have taken their toll on many of us.

"They are not excuses for not bravely doing the duties we are contracted to perform, however. I feel bound and compelled to keep members informed of facts and tell them the truth.

"My critics and opponents are under no such requirement and often seem to take licence with that liberty."

As reported in last week's newspaper, the fire service defended its decision not to allow strikers back to work, saying they had 'made a democratic decision not to accept 'part-shift' performance from staff' during the strikes over the Government's plans for pensions.

Attacked: Chief fire officer Mark Jones has hit out at 'personal attacks' posted online regarding the recent firefighter strikes

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Traffic is 'chaos'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A COUNCILLOR has joined residents in asking why so many roadworks are delaying journeys across the city.

Milton Keynes Council is investing £50million in improving the city's roads, delivering as many as 60 resurfacing and improvement works this year.

But MK NEWS has been inundated with calls over the number of roadworks taking place at the same time.

One said: "I know it's to improve things, but could they not have spread them out a bit?"

Their concerns about the organisation of the improvements have been echoed by Cllr David Hopkins.

He said: "The roadworks appear to be causing traffic chaos. It took me 45 minutes to get from Fox Milne to Walnut Tree the other day.

"The programme of works does not appear to have been well managed, communicated nor co-ordinated."

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Flood of concern over pond tidy up

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A RESIDENT has been told they cannot tidy up a pond in their town by Milton Keynes Council – for health and safety reasons, it has been claimed.

But now the authority wants to look at ways it can work with residents to help clear The Whirlypits, just off the A509 in the north of Olney.

Unhappy residents have been commenting about the state of the pond on the 2,383-member Olney Noticeboard page on social networking site Facebook.

According to one member, a resident volunteered to clear the site, but the council refused their offer due to health and safety concerns.

The same member now wants to start a group to clean up the pond, regardless of the council's advice.

"The pond could currently be used to host the World Bog Snorkling Championships," they said.

Dirty: The Whirlypits needs cleaning up according to residents

"The Whirlypits still needs tidying and I for one would happily join a community scheme to totally disregard any council driven advice and just clean the thing up."

Several residents backed the call to tidy the pond themselves, but the administrator of the page said they 'cannot endorse any actions taken against the advice of health and safety regulations'.

Olney mayor Stephen Clark said: "The water is now almost stagnant and tends to get rather smelly and choked with weed. Cleaning hasn't been done for some time, hence the interest in getting something organised."

A council spokesman said that the authority wanted to speak to residents to find a way forward, adding: "We'd like to work together on this."

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Protesters call on MP to leave 'Israel' group

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GAZA protesters who marched through Milton Keynes at the weekend have called on a city MP to rescind his membership of a pro-Israeli group.

On Sunday more than 350 people marched from Milton Keynes Central train station to the centre:mk in support of Palestinians in Gaza.

The multi-faith event, which included Muslims, Jews and Christians, as well as atheists, 'showed solidarity' with the Palestinians.

One of the protesters, Suresh Nesaratnam, said: "This was not political but a humanitarian gesture on the part of the people of Milton Keynes.

"Representatives of the different groups gave speeches condemning the callous bombardment of Gaza by the Israeli military."

To represent the hundreds of children killed in the conflict, dolls wrapped in bandages with 'blood' were carried and an open letter to the city's two MPs – Iain Stewart and Mark Lancaster – called for the lifting of the siege of Gaza.

On the march: Pro-Gaza protesters gather at the centre:mk following their march from Milton Keynes Central on Sunday

The letter also called on Milton Keynes South MP Mr Stewart to rescind his membership of the Conservative Friends of Israel group.

But Mr Stewart said: "I have been a member of Conservative Friends of Israel for many years because I support the right of Israel to exist peacefully.

"However, that does not mean I support or condemn any one Israeli government.

"I also support the right of Palestinians to have a sovereign country of their own.

"The 'two state solution' is the outcome that I have long hoped for and will continue to argue for and I call on both sides to find their way to a peaceful solution."

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On the ball: MK Dons captain Dean Lewington playing against AFC in the first round of the Capital One Cup. He will now face Man Utd in round two

Skipper's surprise at 'one-off' match

THE captain of MK Dons has admitted he was surprised to see his team drawn against Manchester United in the cup.

And Dean Lewington said he was 'pleased' to have the opportunity to be involved in the game, which is expected to be a sell-out at stadiummk next week.

"When the draw was made it was a surprise that we got them," he said.

"We were picked out and then we realised that Man United still hadn't come out. I was very pleased to get the draw. It's a good reward for beating AFC in round one.

"It's a one-off match and hopefully there will be a really good crowd there.

"I don't know what team Manchester United will put out, but whatever it is it'll be full of quality and we're looking forward to going up against them."

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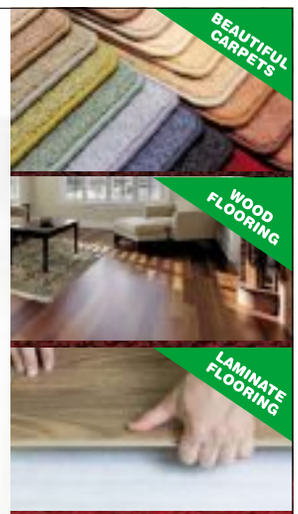

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MK DONS manager Karl Robinson is looking forward to pitting his wits against Manchester United's Louis van Gaal.

The Dutch manager – who according to one national newspaper has 'never heard of MK Dons' – was coaching Holland at the World Cup only two months ago and has now been handed a trip to stadiummk in the second round of the Capital One Cup.

"I'm still young so to be coming up against one of the best managers in the world is a great opportunity," said Robinson.

"It is also a great chance for us to test ourselves against one of the best teams in the world.

"We're over the moon by the draw and looking at the response we've had it's obviously going to put Milton Keynes on the map.

"Hopefully we can get 30,000 into stadiummk. It's great for the people of Milton Keynes to be able to watch one of the greatest football clubs of all time here in Milton Keynes.

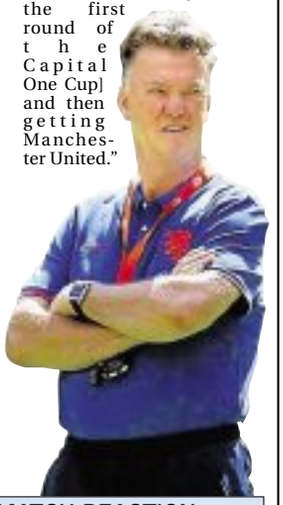
"The reason football came to Milton Keynes was to create a dynasty of MK Dons fans.

"This stadium was built for big occasions and it doesn't get much bigger than Manchester United."

Dons travelled to Chesterfield last night and will take on Coventry City at stadiummk on Saturday and Robinson believes his players will want to do well in these games to make sure they are picked for the Man United match next Tuesday night.

"This will motivate them because if they want to play in that game they're going to have to work hard to stay in the team.

"It's weird that we've had two of the biggest stories in the history of the club in the last week in beating AFC [in the first round of the Capital One Cup] and then getting Manchester United."



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Car crash leaves a woman injured

A WOMAN was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital yesterday after crashing at the Woolstone roundabout in H6 Childs Way.

Emergency services were called to the accident – which involved just one car which had flipped onto its roof – at 2.11pm.

A South Central Ambulance spokesman told MK NEWS: "We sent one ambulance and an adult female was taken to hospital."

Free meals to save MK parents £3.9m

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A NEW initiative introduced by the Government will allow thousands of children to have free school meals.

At the start of the new school year in just over two weeks' time, 9,502 four to seven-year-olds will be entitled to the lunches.

Many parents previously had to spend up to £400 a year on school meals, but the initiative will save mums and dads across the city a cool £3.9million.

Studies have shown healthy lunchtime meals contribute to improved concentration and learning in the classroom. Evidence shows only about one per cent of packed lunches meet these standards.

While free school meals are means tested (eligible for Government help) for all children from Year Three onwards, they are now available to all children in reception and years one and two.

Norman Miles, cabinet member for children and lifelong learning, said: "The council has been working closely with infant schools to ensure arrangements are in place. We are looking forward to the roll-out of this important initiative."

The scheme has been spearheaded by Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg.

He said: "Free school meals for infants will not only save families hundreds of pounds a year, but will also have an impact on how a child performs in the classroom so that, regardless of their background, every child can have the best possible start in life."

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Help wanted: *From left*, Jo Aurora, Lorraine Ayres and Gregg Hollingworth are appealing for more volunteers

Stress and fear put a stop to tribunals

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MILTON Keynes Citizens Advice Bureau has raised concerns that people are being 'put off' making valid employment tribunal claims.

Research by the group shows seven in 10 potentially successful cases are not pursued by people at tribunals.

Only 14 per cent with valid claims are definitely being taken forward.

MK CAB advised more than 2,000 people on employment issues last year and unfair dismissal and withholding wages was the most common issue, along with holiday pay.

Steve Naylor, chief executive of MK CAB, believes that the complexity of the process, fees, stresses involved and fear of losing jobs dissuaded people from making a claim.

He added: "People who have legitimate claims must be able to make their voices heard.

"In MK we see people visiting the CAB after employers have failed to pay their wages, or dismissed them without good reason.

"The employment tribunal system must work for all and be respected by all parties. Fees should not be a barrier between justice and bad employment practices."

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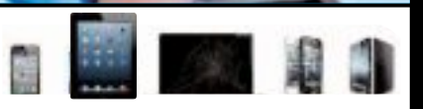

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Fear the theme for holiday bill

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE managing director of a popular family theme park is worried she will have to axe jobs if a controversial bill proposing to shorten school summer holidays is passed.

Julie Dalton from Gulliver's Land is one of 28 senior figures within the leisure and tourism industry to sign a letter to the Sunday Telegraph this week warning of the dangers of clauses in the Deregulation Bill.

The bill, in its final stages in the House of Lords, would permit school holidays to be shortened from six weeks to four.

The letter states: "Many in the tourism industry survived the recession by the skin of their teeth.

"The economic harm provided for within the bill is deeply worrying."

Gulliver's is a family-run business located in Milton Keynes, as well as Matlock and Warrington, and Julie has told MK NEWS the bill would have severe repercussions.

Fear: Julie Dalton, *inset*, is worried about the impact on Gulliver's

She said: "One third of our business comes in the summer holiday because that is when it is nice weather and you can get out and about. You can't do that at Christmas and Easter. It would have a major impact on the number of people using it.

"We would have to reduce the number of people we are employing, so it would make a huge difference.

"I would hope that we would fight our way through, but it would have such a negative impact."

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Mystery over items found under bridge

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THE owner of hundreds of items discovered stashed under a bridge is being urged to come forward.

Engineers at Milton Keynes Council were surprised to find the goods – believed to be the contents of a shop – securely locked away in the underside of the city road bridge where it meets the land while they were carrying out an inspection.

They included clothing and cloth, cereal packets, animal food, plastic storage boxes, buckets, pushchairs, wheelchairs and vinyl flooring.

There were also shop counter display items, as well as a wheelbarrow, slip mats and carpets, a vacuum cleaner, wire trays and cages, among other everyday objects.

A motorcycle and 15 bicycles were also found in the pile – which was so big it is believed it would have filled between three and four skips.

Milton Keynes Council believes that a shopkeeper or stall holder could have been using the bridge for temporary storage.

Are these yours?: Milton Keynes Council's environmental officers will be forced to throw these goods away if nobody claims them

Thames Valley Police have inspected the goods and do not consider them to be stolen.

A council spokesman said: "By law we cannot simply remove these goods and dispose of them.

"We have to do what we can to publicise this, so we will be giving the owner, or owners, until the end of the month to come forward."

The items will remain locked under the bridge, which has not been identified, in the hope someone will come forward to claim them.

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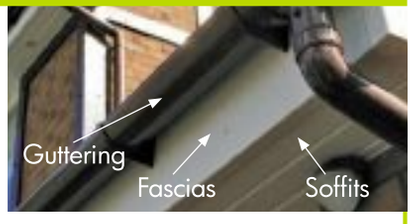

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Academy plan to go to appeal

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AN ACADEMY'S plan to open for longer hours and hold community events has been turned down by planning chiefs – but it has told MK NEWS it will appeal against the decision.

About two dozen residents attended Milton Keynes Council's development control committee meeting on Thursday to oppose a proposal by the Premier Academy in Saffron Street, Bletchley, to remove two of its conditions of use.

It wants to use its multi-purpose hall to host community events and extend its opening hours, which it currently isn't allowed to do.

Residents cited a multitude of reasons why the restrictions should not be lifted, including parking, noise and privacy, but it was because of the council's planning policy that councillors unanimously decided to reject the plans.

Victory: But Michael and Chris Willis' delight may be short-lived

The meeting was told that the original conditions were put in place in 2011 to safeguard the area for residents and members turned down the proposal because no material changes had taken place.

Michael Willis, 69, of Tiffany Close, who lives near one of the entrances to the academy, said: "We're delighted at this and it is an important result for us as residents."

The academy's chief executive officer, Warren Harrison, said: "We are disappointed the councillors sided with public feeling on the night and opposed the merits of the case."

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Nursery plan given boost after 'call-in'

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A DECISION by the Labour cabinet to sell off land for a retirement home has been referred back to the council – after it was deemed it had not looked closely enough at the potential to have a day nursery there.

Conservative ward councillor for Stony Stratford, Denise Brunning, 'called in' a decision to sell off land at the St Giles House site in the town.

Residents and Stony Stratford Town Council want to see a nursery incorporated into the site, after the Russell Street Day Nursery was shut in 2012.

Rob Middleton, cabinet member for resources, efficiency and growth, had told the executive scrutiny committee that officers had contacted 19 nursery providers to see if they were interested in the site, but Cllr Brunning argued that none had been local providers such as Acorn – which has since said it is interested in the site.

It was then decided the proposed sale would be discussed at a full meeting of MK Council next month.

Cllr Brunning said: "I am not prepared to see this passed over without considering all the facts."

Conservative leader Edith Bald, who was at the meeting, added: "This is a massive blow to the Labour cabinet, who showed their lack of experience in dealing with key issues."

Cliff Brett, chairman of the Russell Street Day Nursery Parents Association, also welcomed news it had received £50,000 through section 106 money – given by developers for the Hayes development in Stony – to aid their cause.

He said: "We just want a nursery as we did before."

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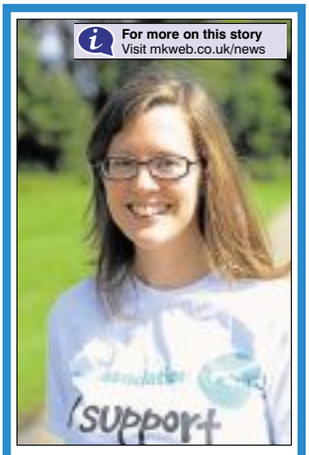

Charity walk

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Happy birthday to Leo's Appeal

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN APPEAL aimed at raising funds to improve the hospital experience for child patients is set to celebrate its first birthday.

Leo's Appeal will mark one year of fundraising on September 1 – and it's already on its way to achieving its target of raising £200,000.

The first 12 months has seen a host of activities, including pub quizzes, marathons and sky dives, raising a total of £40,000.

And it's all in aid of a good cause says Vanessa Holmes, head of fundraising at Milton Keynes Hospital.

She said: "In a nutshell it's about fundraising for items to enhance the experience for children and make it so that it's not such a scary experience so that they feel more at home."

The anniversary celebrations include encouraging businesses to hold a birthday breakfast on a day between September 1 and 7 to raise money.

Celebration: Leo with Sonni Rawlinson and Jessica Hollingworth

They also have some extra surprises for patients lined up, with Vanessa adding: "One of the things we wanted to do over the anniversary month was start spending some of the money that has gone into the pot.

"We will be purchasing some sensory equipment for children on the unit to keep them calm during treatment.

"We're grateful for every penny that's been donated."

LEO'S APPEAL FACTS

- £40,000 raised during the first year of the appeal
- £3,000 raised during Wear it Blue Day in May
- £200,000 is the final target
- Money to be spent on improving the experience for children visiting the hospital
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Students celebrate

BY JAMES AVERILL
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CITY students went through a rollercoaster of emotions on Thursday as they picked up their A-level results.

There were big success stories at a number of different schools and colleges throughout the city – with some posting their best results ever.

In spite of a national fall in pass rates, students at Milton Keynes College recorded the best results in the institution's history. While the proportion of students across the country achieving A*-E grades dropped fractionally, the college saw a rise of two per cent overall.

Izzy O'Sullivan scored A grades

More than 94 per cent of students passed their exams and there was a 100 per cent pass rate in nine different subjects.

Successful students included Jessica Grogan, 19, who secured her first choice university of Nottingham Trent.

She said: "I'm hoping to work in the police force and maybe become a parole officer in a prison so that I can help people."

And things look promising for Izzy O'Sullivan, who scored As in law and psychology AS level exams.

Principal Dr Julie Mills said: "It's always wonderful to see people taking a great leap forward towards their chosen careers, but it's not just about the piece of paper showing their grades, it's about all the life skills they've learnt here."

The Hazeley Academy celebrated its fourth year of A-level, BTEC and IB Diploma results with its best ever performance.

Here 75 per cent of students achieved the equivalent of at least three A-level passes with a record-breaking number achieving the highest A*-A grades.

Outgoing principal Mark Bennison said: "It has been a privilege to be the principal at Hazeley for the past five years. It is wonderful to leave on such a high note."

There were some outstanding individual achievements at Walton High, including Tom King with four A* grades, which earned him a place to read natural sciences at Cambridge.

Eleanor Atkinson's three A* grades see her going to Oxford to study chemistry.

The success continued at Webber Independent School, where 96 per cent of students achieved A*-E grades in their A-levels.

Head girl Tesni Williams secured her position at the Goldsmiths University in London to study design.

"I am totally buzzing," she said. Fellow student Daniel Khan also gained a place at Lincoln to study journalism.

Meanwhile, at Stantonbury Campus students achieved a pass rate of 99 per cent, with 36 per cent of them netting the top grades of A*-B.

Jon Adamson, head of sixth form, was 'delighted results held up despite reports of a national drop'.

Reflecting on the results, leader of Milton Keynes Council, Pete Marland, said: "The real key to success is excellent teaching and students who want to learn."

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Tony Byrne
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Bigger show will be just the job for MK

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A PHENOMENAL response to the first MK Job Show has ensured that the event will be returning in September – and it's set to be 'even bigger'.

The show, which will take place in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk, will see companies such as Travis Perkins PLC, Home Retail Group, Volkswagen Financial Services and the Monarch Group set up stands as they look for recruits.

The inaugural event in January attracted thousands of jobseekers.

Event director Mike Bickerdike said: "The event is two days this time giving everyone who is looking to improve their careers more opportunity to visit MK's finest businesses and organisations.

"The event is even bigger this time with more companies taking stands."

The event is split into different zones, making it easy for job hunters to find relevant vacancies and opportunities.

Organiser: Mike Bickerdike has promised the second MK Job Show will feature more companies than it ever has before

It will be held on Saturday, September 20 from 10am–6pm and Sunday, September 21 between 11am and 5pm.

Once again MK NEWS and MKWeb are media sponsors of the show, which is also being supported by B/S/H (Bosch and Siemens Home Appliances Group).

HR director Nathan Coburn added: "B/S/H is proud to be the lead sponsor of the MK Job Show.

"As a major employer within Milton Keynes, the show presents us with a unique opportunity to speak to local talent about the vacancies we have."

Cally Jenkins, editor of MK NEWS and MKWeb, said: "This is a great chance for residents to find out about the job opportunities that are available.

"In January our team enjoyed speaking to people and receiving CVs, so don't forget to arrive prepared."

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Walton High opened in September 1999 with the firm intention to create a leading centre of learning in Milton Keynes. We are realising our ambitions by working in close partnership with families and others to ensure the very best for our students

Post 16 students at Walton High are once again celebrating excellent examination results with the percentage of students gaining the highest grades increasing again this year. There were some outstanding individual achievements including Tom King with 4A* grades which earned him a place to read Natural Sciences at Cambridge, Eleanor Atkinson whose 3A* grades see her going to Oxford to study Chemistry, Alice Marsh with 3A*, Peter Diamond 2A* 2A, Tom Yates and Amy Gillions 2A*AB, Philippa Rosewell 1A*3A, and Peter Carr 4A grades.

17 subjects had a 100% pass rate with the majority of students gaining A*-B grades in Chemistry, Economics, Geography, Mathematics, Politics and Philosophy. The proportion of A* grades achieved has trebled with over 20% achieving this exceptional standard in Geography and Mathematics.

These results are allowing our students to pursue a wide variety of higher education and training opportunities including Veterinary Medicine, Royal Veterinary College; Physics, University of Southampton; Psychology, University of Birmingham; Medical Sciences, University of Birmingham; Foundation Degree in Performing Arts, Bird College and Apprenticeship in Finance with Milton Keynes Council.

In 2013 Walton High was ranked 37th in the country for achievement in vocational courses and students' exceptional performance; this year 91% of grades awarded were Distinction*/Distinction and should see us ranked similarly highly again.

"These outstanding results are a fitting reward for our Post-16 students' endeavour over the past two years and is testament to the high quality education they receive at Walton High. They, along with their parents and their teachers, should feel very proud of what has been achieved and we wish them continued success in the future," said Michelle Currie, Executive Principal

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Positive Times for
Lord Grey School

Teachers' specialist subject knowledge is used to good effect in many of subjects. Teachers plan a variety of activities that students feel they can relate to well. Students find lessons interesting & enjoyable & so engage positively in their learning.

Staff, students and governors at Lord Grey School in West Bletchley are feeling very happy at the moment due to three fantastic pieces of news. This builds on good news earlier in the academic year (an SSAT award and a CPD award).

Firstly, the A level and post 16 results on Thursday were very good. Secondly, the school got notification over the summer holidays that it has achieved the prestigious International School Award from the British Council at full level, valid for three years (2014-2017) for all its excellent links around the globe. Thirdly, and very importantly, the school gained a well-deserved GOOD grading in its Section 5 Ofsted inspection on 2nd/3rd July 2014.

In terms of A level results, Lord Grey Upper Sixth students gained 100% pass for the second year in succession. The top performing A levels were Textiles, Chemistry, French, Italian and Physics. General Studies, Health and Social Care, Geography, Maths, Media and Biology all fared well. 15 subjects out of 25 equalled or improved their A*-B grade rates from 2013 and every subject out-performed the national rate at A*-E.

In addition to this AS results for Year 12 improved on last year by 2% and A-B grades were up by 6%, which is great news. A-C grades are up by a whopping 13.5%. Nationally AS grades went up by 0.5% overall; Lord Grey went up by 2%, so the school is rapidly catching up with the national picture. Yasmin McGowan, Jacob Craig and Alana Fotheringham are the top AS students with a clutch of A grades between them. Students on one year courses in Retail Business and Hairdressing successfully completed their BTEC Level 2 with 100% pass grades.

In terms of individual success stories at A level, Jamie Galvin gained three A grades in Business and Economics, Maths and French; Favian Narrainen got three A grades in Chemistry, Biology and Maths; Amy Brewer gained an A* in French alongside two B grades; Jeong Lee showed creativity with a B in Art and an A in Textiles and Morgaine Schofield showed off her writing skills with three Bs in Government and Politics, History and Psychology.

In terms of vocational subjects, BTECs, there were dozens of Distinction* grades and Distinctions in Applied Science, ICT, Business and Travel and Tourism at Level 3 (equivalent to A level). In addition a clutch of extra grades were gained through Extended Project, GCSE re-sits, Functional Skills and General Studies.

To top it all, Lord Grey's partner school, within MK South Sixth Form, Sir Herbert Leon Academy, delivered some superb results in Performing Arts, Sport, Construction, Health and Social Care and Music. The Headteacher at Lord Grey, Dr Tracey Jones, said: "the post 16 partnership has been great and we have such respect for SHLA. The students from both schools have done us proud. The results are a testimony to the hard work from staff and students on both campuses of MK South Sixth Form. I am also appreciative when parents back us up with moral support from the home. Due to all this dedication we get students off to fabulous destinations for wonderful university courses."

An example of the partnership in action is Alisha Russell who gained an incredible 1200 UCAS points from two A levels studied at Lord Grey and triple Performing Arts studied at SHLA.

Lord Grey School is also very happy with its most recent Ofsted inspection. The school gained Good, 2, in every category. Significant improvements were seen in the quality of teaching and the improved progress of learners in terms of exam results, since 2009, demonstrates that the improvements made at the school have paid off.

Deputy Headteacher, Rob Page, commented:
"the 'Good' grading from Ofsted means that we can now focus on striving for 'Outstanding'. It liberates us to do more innovative work and it has given our staff and students a well deserves morale boost. The Governing Body are proud of the school and so am I."

Nigel Handyside, also Deputy Headteacher, was equally enthusiastic: *"the positive comments about safeguarding are great from the Ofsted report. The school is calm and purposeful on a daily basis. We will now be raising the bar on what we expect from students in order to move to Grade 1 next time around. The year groups for 2014-15 need to understand that we are going all out for the top grade so the learners need to raise their game even more. We are an ambitious school."*

"The sixth form is good. It is well led and good teaching is leading to better results for many students."

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AFTER a few, mostly indifferent summers weather-wise, haven't we been lucky this year? OK, there has been the odd thunderstorm and even, in some places, hailstones the size of cricket balls but on the whole, it's been pretty glorious.

And the good news is it's not over yet! If an 'Indian summer' is on the cards, there should still be plenty of opportunities to enjoy warm evenings, sitting in the garden with a glass of wine, or the fun of Sunday barbecues with friends and family.

You may even be taking a late break abroad once the kids have gone back to school and the prices have come down. It's not just flights that are cheaper at this time of year. You can pick up a brand new holiday wardrobe at a fraction of the cost that it was earlier in the year. Even if your summer break is now a fading memory, you'll be well-prepared for summer 2015.

Blackberry picking is a really nice thing to do just as blackberry and apple crumble is a really nice thing to eat. The rain in the spring followed by the sunshine in July and August has ripened the fruit to perfection now. But look out for all the other food for free that you'll find in the hedgerows.

And if you've got a mind to redecorate or even redesign your living space, Grand Designs Live at Birmingham NEC is the go-to event for inspiration and advice this October.

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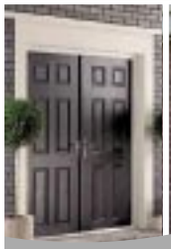

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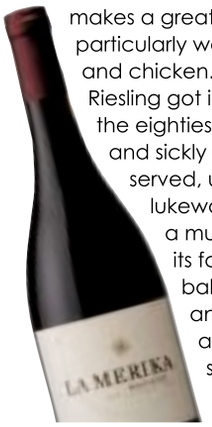

It may be the dog days of summer but the evenings are still warm and light enough to enjoy a glass of wine in the garden as the sun goes down.

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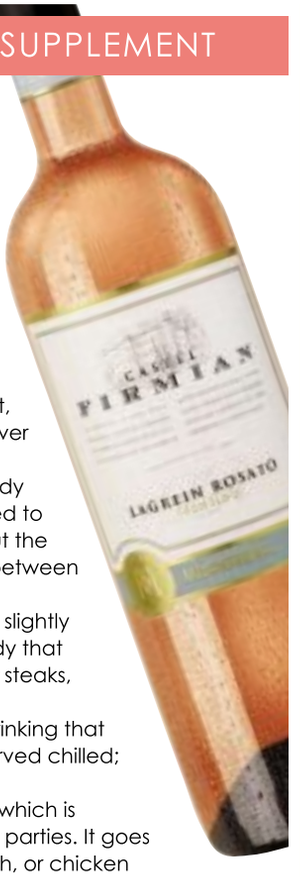

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The Director of this production, Tom Cove expresses ''we are all very excited to have Luke on board as part of this production and feel that his involvement should bring all the Mk Dons supporters and 3 counties radio listeners alike to the performances to support him and the rest of the cast''

This project will serve not only to raise a significant amount of funds for the excellent work the MK Dons SET do , but will also aim to give up to 50 local people the opportunity to be it in a performing capacity or as part of our technical crew. Discussions are in place with local schools and colleges to work with this project to provide their performing arts and technical departments invaluable experience in the world of live theatre.

There are only 5 showings of this fantastic production so don't miss this great opportunity to see the up and coming actors of Milton Keynes and also Luke Ashmead.

Tickets for the shows are available now from **www.stantonburytheatre.co.uk** or call **01908 324466**

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Right: Neri di Bicci: *The fall of the rebel angels with St Michael fighting the dragon* (detail). C.1480. Images courtesy the Museum Boijmans Van Beuningen

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The range is split across three age groups: babies, toddlers and juniors. The **1460** boot style has a side zip, as well as laces, to help parents get them on and off little feet quickly and easily and come in sizes 3-9 (UK). To complement the range, Dr. Martens have created a bootie especially for babies - with a soft sole and carefully considered attention to detail.

The **Monkey Boot** was a 1970s subcultural essential. The Infants and Juniors Boys Monkey Boots are an exact mini replica of that original adults style. The flowing contrast stitching that was so distinctive to the Monkey Boot is used. There is also a zip for ease of use by small fingers.

The original **Capper Boot** range was actually intended for junior sizes. For the new range, exact mini replicas of these original versions have been made. These have the distinctive contrast stitch, the yellow and black heel loop and the gold branding on the side of the quarter which the Capper was famous for. Mini versions of the classic 1460 silhouette has been wrapped in a **Green Camo Waxed British Canvas** or **Vintage Garden Softy T Floral Leather**.

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Hats off to Led Zeppelin pays homage to Robert, Jimmy and the two Johns – and boy are they good at becoming their heroes!

As well as being winners at the National Tribute Awards in 2013, the band are co-managed by Warren Grant, the son of legendary Led Zeppelin manager Peter Grant, who said after seeing them live: "You guys really did the band justice!"

Featuring Peter Eldridge from the West End production of We Will Rock You, as well as Jack Tanner and Kevin Oliver Jones from the world tours of Thriller Live and Dancing in the Streets, this is a truly sensational live show.

So if you think you know tribute bands, you had better think again!

Having last performed in their reunion in 2007, the chances of ever seeing the real band are pretty slim. So just be thankful there is a band out there giving justice to their wonderful tracks.

Hats off to Led Zeppelin will be performing at The Stables in Wavendon at 8pm on Saturday.

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meetdaniel

TEMPTING, as it is, says JUDY RILEY, to compare the new Daniel Radcliffe movie, What If, to the 1989 rom-com When Harry Met Sally, I'm steering clear of it. And of all those predictable 'When Harry Potter met...' references.

The boy who played out his childhood on screen for the pleasure of millions of other kids has grown up.

To be fair, he graduated from Hogwarts years ago when he took on the role of Alan Strang in the stage play, Equus, as the young man who strips off and has bit of a weird thing for horses. Since then the roles Radcliffe's played, both on stage and screen, have been pouring in.

In his latest movie, What If, Daniel plays Wallace, an English med school dropout who meets Chantry (Zoe Kazan) at a party and falls for her.

But Chantry has a boyfriend and, much as she likes Wallace, she's just looking for friendship.

The chemistry between them is clear to everyone except Chantry but it takes the whole movie, and an awful lot of shared banter, for him to confess it and for her to acknowledge that she feels the same.

Daniel says: "Love is complicated and not clean and easy all of the time. As for Wallace, there is no point in the film when he doesn't want to see Chantry with her clothes off. Personally, I couldn't have held back; I would have charged straight into the relationship."

What If, which goes on general release today, might not be to everyone's taste but it has a freshness and honesty that is hugely appealing.

And as Wallace, Daniel has finally shed the boy wizard's cloak and metamorphosed into a truly romantic and grown-up leading man.

■ Judy talks to Daniel about love, scripts – and taking his clothes off if the part demands it – at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

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popharmony

NOT three male models – though they are certainly hunky enough to feature on the fashion pages of Vogue – but the Brit award-winning harmony trio, Blake.

This new show for 2014 includes classical crossover material from their latest album combined with powerful video projections and a fair smattering of comic banter.

Blake are joined by special guest, classical BRIT nominee, Camilla Kerslake, who duetted with them on You Raise Me Up, released in aid of the Breast Cancer Campaign.

As strong supporters of forces charities too they have performed several times at the annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Catch them in the more intimate surroundings of The Stables, Wavendon, on August 28 & 29 at 8pm. Book at www.stables.org or 01908 280800.

hotevent

WHETHER you like it meek and mild or hot and spicy, Frosts Garden Centre has a sizzling bank holiday weekend lined up for you!

The Chilli Festival at the centre in Woburn Sands will feature exhibitors from around the country, live traditional Mexican music, cooking demonstrations, tastings and plenty of chilli plants to buy.

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To top it off, there will be live music and entertainment throughout the weekend, including a set by DJ Martin Humes and live music from James Toseland and his band, plus the legendary rider appearances at the post-race Grand Prix Party.

British stars Bradley Smith, Cal Crutchlow, Michael Laverty and Scott Redding will all be flying the Union Jack flag in the premier class, riding in front of the passionate home crowd.

It's also the perfect opportunity to witness the masterful Marc Márquez in action as he attempts to win the British Grand Prix for the first time, plus last year's MotoGP™ winner Jorge Lorenzo and crowd favourite Valentino Rossi, as they battle for glory.

Jon Adamson

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tophat

I'M PUTTIN' on my top hat, tyin' up my white tie, brushin' off my tails... Throw in a little cheek to cheek action and what do you have? One of the greatest musicals of all time.

Top Hat, the hit stage adaptation of the 1935 movie starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, is back.

It's a familiar rom-com storyline. Boy meets girl, they fall in love, misunderstandings occur and in the nick of time, explanations are forthcoming and they all live happily ever after.

The 'boy' is Jerry (Alan Burkitt), the girl is Dale Tremont, played by West End star, Charlotte Gooch, **pictured right**.

Charlotte talked to MK LIFE about getting ready for the show, where she hides the microphone power pack and her worst moment on stage.

"I do a good 45 minute warm-up before the performance but the show is enough exercise in itself," she says. "Then it's hair into pin curls, stocking cap on and wig. The mic pack is underneath the back of the wig and it generates a lot of heat so it gets pretty warm!"

Dale is the latest in a long line of great parts for Charlotte. "I've loved all the roles that I've played," she says, "but I think this is my favourite. It requires singing, dancing and acting to such a high level.

"My most embarrassing moment onstage was when I was playing Sandy in Grease. I had this really quick change in the wings into an all-in-one black cat suit. One performance, the zip broke and wouldn't do up. I had to go on baring all. It was meant to be my big moment to be sexy, glamorous and confident and there I was, with everything hanging out…"

Top Hat is at MK Theatre from August 26 to September 6. Book on 0844 871 7652.

Online for the full interview with charlotte visit **mkweb.co.uk**

children'sweek

CHILDREN'S week returns on Tuesday with a host of fun and games.

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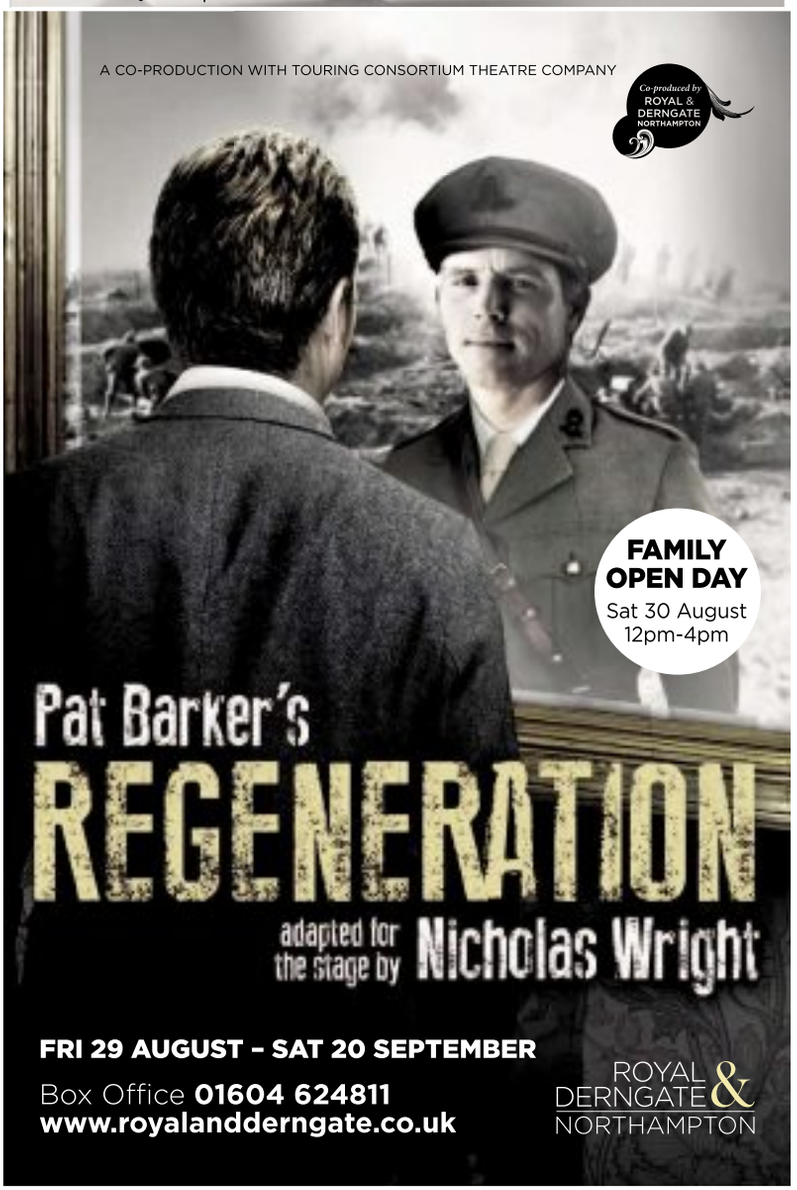

MKlife

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online to read the full interview with Ben from hacktivist visit mkweb.co.uk

talkinghacktivist

IT WOULDN'T be wide of the mark to say that Milton Keynes is not exactly famous for its musical output.

But one city band is about to change that forever, when they have the bold task of opening up one of the world's biggest musical get-togethers – Reading Festival.

The accolade falls to metal rock group Hacktivist, who will open up main stage proceedings on Friday, sharing the bill with world famous acts including Queens of the Stone Age and Paramore.

"There isn't a much bigger slot that we could get, and getting it was not expected," says vocalist Ben Marvin.

"We've played similar size shows in other countries, but when you're playing your home country that's where you try to get to another level.

"Opening the festival is a big responsibility and there will be nerves, but also excitement. And once you're on stage it's fine and you enjoy it."

Latest single Fallen Idols, released on August 4, is sure to feature in the festival set list after it shot straight to number one on the iTunes metal chart hours after release.

"A lot has happened to us and getting to this stage has been a lot quicker than we thought," says Ben.

"I think it's the biggest gig we've done. It will take a few moments for it to sink in."

IN HIS monthly article for MK LIFE, Woburn Safari Park ranger Bob Streatfeild tells us about the new Otter Falls enclosure and how the residents are already making themselves at home

THIS week a pair of playful Asian short clawed otters moved into their new home.

The Otter Falls enclosure has been specially built next to Desert Springs and is a lush oasis next to the meerkats, mongoose and porcupines.

It is designed to give visitors a better insight into the natural behaviours of these fascinating animals.

Kelani and Tambo are best buddies and they spend the majority of their day together.

Feeding time can be interesting, as Kelani loves her food and can be seen carrying an arm full of it to make sure she gets as much as she can.

Tambo, on the other hand, will enjoy each piece of his food and you might see him washing it before he eats it.

The pair are adorable to watch and you might see them playing in their new waterfall, or improving their bed and nest building skills.

When keepers fill up the bedding with new hay, they love to bring lumps out and rearrange it – they're very house proud!

killerfun

TELEVISION'S favourite serial killer really is one of the best characters I've ever seen in a drama, writes Scott Kirk.

Dexter is about a murderer who only kills fellow killers, so long as they match up to his 'code', and I've always been fascinated at how the programme blurs the lines between good and evil.

I've just finished watching the second to last series on Netflix and I'll be very disappointed once I've seen the last one.

Dexter also has a knack of providing an almighty twist to the tale when you least expect it, which certainly happened in regards to the Doomsday Killer in series seven.

Jennifer Carpenter plays a fantastic role as Debra, Dexter's sister, as she struggles to keep her emotions in check, while David Zayas as Angel is the ultimate 'good cop' in my book.

It's a shame the series has finished, because it's one of my favourites.

If you've got a strong stomach, make sure you watch this one!

comedycapers

THE Comedy Cow will be hosting a Gong Show at the Casino MK on September 3, when 12 acts will battle it out.

The acts are not screened and each person is guaranteed five minutes of stage time.

When the cow bell rings after five minutes the acts can be mooed off the stage to the tune of Old MacDonald if they aren't up to standard. If the act reaches seven minutes they go through to the final where they have to tell their best cow joke to win a prize and a place on a pro night with The Comedy Cow. Tickets cost £5 and are available at thecomedycow.ticketsource.co.uk

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MK life HOT PICKS

woodplay

WOODLAND Play is the perfect opportunity for kids to enjoy the great outdoors.

Run by The Parks Trust in partnership with MK Play Association, you'll be able to build dens and enjoy arts and crafts, as well as take part in some great games.

The price to take part is £1 per child and parents can park at the car park in Enfield Chase, just off V7 Saxon Street.

Suitable for kids aged seven and up. Go to www.mkpa.co.uk for more details.

pubmusic

THE Shoulder Fest is an annual music festival held at the Shoulder of Mutton pub in Little Horwood.

This year's event will take place on Sunday from 2.30pm with a great line-up of music up until 9.30pm.

There will also be a range of craft, food and drink stalls, a fish and chip van, pub food, a children's play area, raffle and a super auction.

Every penny raised at this free family event will be donated to children's charity Action Medical Research and Asthma UK.

Find more details at **www.mkweb.co.uk**

beerfestival

ENJOY a line up of music, comedy, food and drinks at The Cross Key's bank holiday beer festival.

It starts on Friday with a line-up of Matthew Baylis, **pictured**, Paul McMullen and Steve Day. Tickets are £10 per head but the weekend's other entertainment in the Woolstone pub is free.

Saturday starts at 1pm with music from Retribution, Robbie Williams and Michael Buble tribute acts.

On Sunday there will be a riot of rock and reggae from 1-10pm and Monday is a chill out day.

For more information see **www.mkweb.co.uk**

getcrafty

LEARN how to make your own jewellery with Anne O'Neil at the Stani Art Studios.

From 10am-4pm on Saturday, September 6, make a simple and original piece (or pieces) of jewellery either for yourself or as a handmade gift for a friend or loved one.

At the Stony Stratford studios you can make necklaces, pendants, earrings, bracelets, or even a simple ring.

The workshop costs £60 per person, including a light lunch. To book call 01908 567656.

cyclingfun

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PROPERTYNEWS

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North Crawley

TAYLORS Executive Homes are delighted to offer for sale this fine example of quintessential country life.

Situated in a quiet hamlet a short drive from Milton Keynes, Gumbrills Barn is surrounded by peaceful countryside on the fringe of the popular village of North Crawley and occupies a plot in the region of half an acre.

This impressive barn conversion has been significantly improved by the current owners and offers the perfect balance of character features, a modern refitted kitchen and flexible accommodation.

Approached by a gated driveway, the accommodation in brief comprises entrance hall, open plan lounge and dining area with a stunning full height window to front and rear, refitted bespoke kitchen with granite work surfaces, laundry room, study, four bedrooms, two en-suites, family bathroom, generous rear garden with countryside views, landscaped front garden and parking for up to eight cars.

As sole agents, we highly recommend an internal viewing to fully appreciate this wonderful property, on the market for £750,000, and its spectacular setting. For more information, or to arrange a viewing, call 01908 240981.

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£550,000

Milton Keynes

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Lounge, Study & Sunroom
- Dining Room & Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lawned Rear Garden with Patio Area
- Private Driveway & Double Garage

A well presented four/five bedroom detached property with stunning views over the Grand Union canal. This split level property offers versatile and spacious accommodation with a full width balcony taking full advantage of the views.

£495,000

Tattenhoe

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Double Garage

The property in brief comprises of entrance hall, dining room, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/ breakfast and cloakroom. On the first floor the Master bedroom has a vaulted ceiling, Juliet balcony and en-suite. There are three further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

£442,000

Grange Farm

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Gardens
- Garage

A three storey five bedroom detached house situated in the popular location of Grange Farm. The property in brief comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/breakfast, utility, cloakroom and conservatory.

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North Crawley

- Barn Conversion
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Significantly Improved

Surrounded by peaceful countryside on the fringe of the popular village of North Crawley and occupying a plot in the region of 1/2 an acre, this impressive barn conversion has been significantly improved by the current owners.

£795,000

Kingsmead

- Detached Property
- Six Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

An exceptionally spacious, six bedroom detached home in the popular area of Kingsmead. The property benefits from detached double garage with off road parking, fully double glazed, gas to radiator central heating and gardens to front and rear.

£725,000

North Crawley

- Five Bedroom Grade II Listed Mansion
- Grand Ballroom/Drawing Room
- Set Over Three Floors
- Swimming Pool & Tennis Courts
- Stable/Garage Block

Arguably the most exceptional wing of the Grade II Listed Crawley Grange is available for sale. The mansion which was originally constructed for Cardinal Wolsey in circa 1526 is set in approximately 64 acres of mature communal gardens.

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- Four Reception Rooms
- Two Re-fitted Bathrooms
- Possible Commercial Shop
- Private Garden

Castlethorpe **OIEO £385,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner & Family Room
- Cloakroom & Family Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- Call Branch for Viewing

Two Mile Ash **£340,000**

- Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

Deanshanger **£335,000**

- Semi Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dinning Room
- Off Road Parking

Shearmans **£135,000**

- Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Good Sized Accommodation
- Call Branch to Arrange Viewing

Deanshanger **£300,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Extended Accommodation
- Two Reception Rooms & Kitchen
- Downstairs Cloakroom

Stony Stratford **£150,000**

- Semi Detached Home
- Huge Potential
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Bathroom

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Tattenhoe **£355,000**

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Facing Linear Park
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Enclosed Rear Garden & Garage

Westcroft **O.I.E.O £290,000**

- Four Bedroom Property
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen Dining Room
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- Four Bathrooms
- Three Reception Rooms

Browns Wood **£300,000**

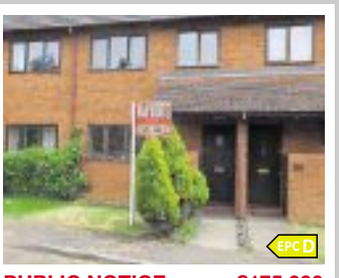
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom
- Gas Central Heating

Broughton **£300,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Cloakroom

Monkston **£230,000**

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garden & Off Road Parking



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Broughton **£170,000**

- Two Bedrooms
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Broughton **£95,000**

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Oldbrook £235,000

Wilson Peacock offer for sale this immaculately presented three bedroom semi detached home situated on Brearley Avenue in Oldbrook, Milton Keynes.

Monkston £230,000

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The Crofton is a three bedroom townhouse appeaingl to growing families or professional couples. The entrance hallway leads to a living/dining room with French doors to the garden. There's also a fitted kitchen/ breakfast room, a guest cloakroom.A spacious double bedroom,and a family bathroom are located off the first floor landing.
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Shenley Brook End **£875,000**

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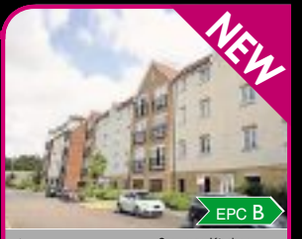
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With the opportunity to get better value for money, smaller mortgages and, as a consequence, enjoy a better quality of life; more families than ever are cashing in their assets and leaving London. Testament to this is Oakgrove Village, Crest Nicholson's development in Milton Keynes, which has seen an influx of interest from growing and established families alike.

Susan Young, Sales and Marketing Director, Crest Nicholson Regeneration, comments: "In recent months we've noticed a significant rise in the proportion of our purchasers who are either families with young children or couples planning to start a family in the near future. These buyers tell us their key driver to buy at Oakgrove Village is the volume of space they get for their money compared to living closer to London, combined with the fact that the development is so well located for commuting back into the Capital.

"The other important reason they're choosing to buy at Oakgrove is the fact that the development is located across the road from Oakgrove School, arguably Milton Keynes' best secondary school. The real bonus for parents is that all pupils attending the primary school that will open on-site at Oakgrove Village in 2016 will be guaranteed a place at Oakgrove School when they are at the appropriate age."

Susan continues: "The four-bedroom houses are proving particularly popular with families as they provide a flexible layout. As well as an open plan kitchen / dining room and a separate living room, the houses have an additional room on the ground floor, which can be used as a study, but which many families are finding makes an excellent children's playroom; keeping toys from cluttering up the rest of the house. Ground floors are light and airy thanks to full height windows to the entrance hall and French doors in the open plan kitchen / dining areas and sitting room, leading onto a private garden.

With four good sized bedrooms and two bathrooms, as well as a private terrace on the first floor, the properties have plenty of space for growing families.

"Oakgrove Village doesn't only offer residents a beautiful home, but also the opportunity to be part of a burgeoning new community. The development is fully equipped with a network of amenities, including a large new Waitrose supermarket, a Costa Coffee and a Metro bank, ensuring that all needs are catered for and delivering a desirable lifestyle in which to bring up a family."

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For informal enquiries please contact Nathan Andrews on 01908 252532.

Secretarial Assistant - SEN

£17,500 - £21,500 pro rata **Ref: 80019185**
18.5 hours

Due to the reorganisation of our Business Support Service, we need you to provide high quality secretarial support from the Hub. A sound communicator with strong report writing and IT skills, you will have experience of working as secretary to a manager and the ability to prioritise your own workload. NVQ Level 3 in business administration will also be essential.

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Secretarial Assistant - Strengthening Families

£17,500 - £21,500 pro rata **Ref: 5001969**
18.5 hours

Join our Business Support Hub, and you will provide secretarial support to members of the management team, word process complex and sensitive reports and correspondence, and arrange meetings and events. Currently working as secretary to a manager or management team, you will have a flair for complex minute taking.

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Business Support Assistant – SEN

Full- and part-time roles available
£15,000 - £18,000 (pro rata for part time roles) **Ref: 50019185**

A proactive team player, you will receive referrals from schools, parents, and the Educational Psychology Service, log these onto the ONE system, and produce letters and reports. Your NVQ Level 2 in business administration will be matched by experience of processing referrals and undertaking accurate data entry.

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Business Support – Children and Families Practices

£15,000 - £18,000 pro rata **Ref: 50019206**
18.5 hours per week

Join our committed team, and you will provide wide-ranging administrative and systems support, including maintaining confidential records and taking detailed notes at meetings. Extensive experience of using databases or similar systems, ordering stationery, and dealing with customers will be essential, as will NVQ Level 2 in business administration or equivalent.

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Business Support Assistant - Community Learning Adults

£15,000 - £18,000 pro rata **Ref: 50019174**
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The role is for providing evening reception support (Term Time only) for the Adult Learning service. As a front line member of staff you will liaise with customers and tutors in person, by phone, email and post and assisting learners with completing their enrolment requests and taking payment. Experience of customer contact and utilising a database will be vital to answering questions and queries. You will also be required to create registers and be involved in marking them electronically.

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Business Support Assistant - Corporate Parenting

Full- and part-time roles available
£15,000 - £18,000 pro rata for part time roles **Ref: 50019136**

This key role will include administering bookings for adoption and fostering panels, taking detailed minutes at complex meetings, scanning and indexing post using information@work, and undertaking extensive checks on prospective foster and adoptive parents. Your experience will include organising meetings, providing customer care, and using databases or similar systems.

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Business Support Assistant - CPU, Leisure, Sports Development, Arts & Heritage

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18.5 hours

You will take on a varied and changing role, including event co-ordination, data input, and administering leisure schemes, as well as designing posters and issuing swimming certificates to schools. Your experience in a similar role will include liaising with external partners, updating spreadsheets and databases, and resolving enquiries.

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Business Support Assistant - School Setting & Effectiveness

£15,000 - £18,000 pro rata **Ref: 50019170**
24.1 hours

A flexible, versatile, and confident administrator, you will provide high quality minutes for meetings, liaise with customers, proof read advisor reports, and enter data onto a range of systems. Familiar with the education sector, you will have experience of providing high quality administration for a local authority statutory service.

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Business Support Assistant - School Sufficiency & Access

£15,000 - £18,000 **Ref: 50019186**

You will administer the primary and secondary in-year school admissions processes, including composing letters to parents. It will involve handling a high volume of calls from the public and maintaining an online database. Your knowledge of schools admissions processes will be matched by experience of providing advice to customers and preparing documents.

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Management Support Assistant

£21,000 - £24,000 **Ref: 59000830**

You will support the Assistant Director of Education, Effectiveness and Participation as well as the wider Children and Families Leadership Team, including organising meetings and events and taking detail notes. Skilled in summarising information and prioritising a varied workload, you will have a proven track record as a personal assistant together with strong Microsoft Office skills.

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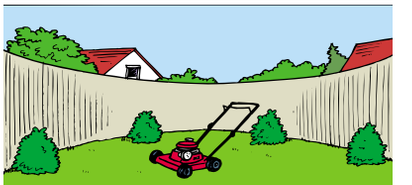

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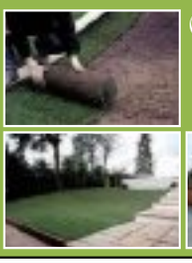

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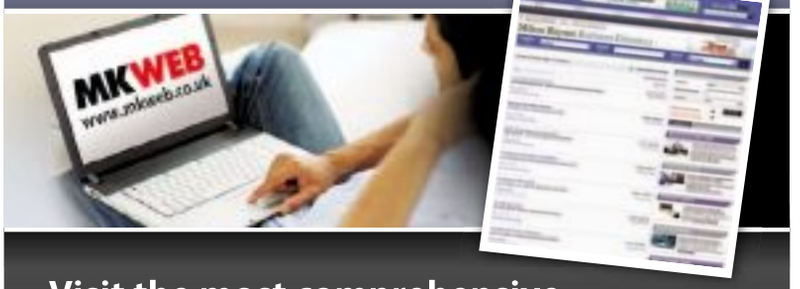

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Rutherford is Europe's king

MILTON Keynes long jump superstar Greg Rutherford added yet another gold medal to his tally as he took victory at the European Athletics Championships in Switzerland on Sunday.

The Olympic and Commonwealth champion leapt a distance of 8.29m in Zurich which was 14 centimetres clear of nearest rival Louis Tsatoumas of Greece.

Rutherford said that he felt pressured to deliver considering how well his British teammates had done at the Championships, with the team producing a super day on Sunday to top the medal table for the third time in history. In all there were a record-breaking 12 GB gold medals inside the Letzigrund Stadium.

"There was a lot of pressure on me but I'm learning to deal with that," he said.

"Ultimately expectation has gone through the roof after the Olympics and seeing how many great performances the British team has put together – it was unreal.

"Everybody was out there winning golds so if I hadn't have done it I would have gotten a lot of stick and things wouldn't have been too nice for me so I just had to get it done.

"I've taken a bit of stick since the Olympics and this year was about me redeeming that and proving that it wasn't a one-hit wonder.

"My body's in a good place and I feel fit and strong now.

"To back that Commonwealth Games win up 17 days later and to finish off by doing this proves that I can hold it together."

Rutherford was the only Brit to win a medal in the field events and the only athlete to come away from the Commonwealth Games and European Championships with gold.

His latest success caps a remarkable year for the Woburn Sands jumper.

In September he is due to become a father for the first time and he now holds three out of the four major championships after adding the European title to the Commonweatlh crown won in Glasgow and the Olympic title earned at London 2012.

To complete the grand slam of titles, Rutherford would need to succeed at the World Championships which take place in Beijing next year.

He also set a new British record of 8.51m earlier this year.

MK Dons Head of Coaching RICHIE BARKER writes for MK News

WE obviously got drawn with Man Utd in the Capital One Cup, and if I'm honest it was 15 to 20 seconds before I realised that we had three games to play before then.

So after the draw I said that I thought we should ban the words 'Man Utd' – there's no point playing them and being 17th in the league.

It's going to be a fantastic occasion for the club and the city but those words are banned – we've got important games before we even look at that match but it will be a night that everybody will enjoy.

We lost 3-2 to Peterborough on Saturday but I think we certainly deserved something out of the game – sometimes a point can make a big difference.

We know we can do better and we know that we'll get better.

I was watching the Burnley versus Chelsea game on Monday night, and Chelsea really put their foot on the pedal.

After this weekend I would say that you would not look further than Man City and Chelsea for the Premier League this season.

With Fabregas and Costa Chelsea look strong, and I would say Man Utd with their change of manager will take a while to be right up there.

It might be tough for Liverpool to do what they did last year and Arsenal have a couple of World Cup winners in their team, but whatever happens we're in for another close one like it was last year. I think the lead changed something like 24 times last year.

As coaches we are quite fortunate that we're learning from one of the best leagues in the world. It's widely accessible and we make sure that we watch things like Match of the Day and the live Sky games.

It's difficult to switch off when you're watching football and I'm the worst ever when there's a set piece because I'll rewind it and watch it again and again much to everyone else's annoyance!

Richie Barker was speaking to MK Sport prior to MK Dons v Chesterfield.

Focus: Dan Powell on the ball against Chesterfield last night Pictures: Andy Handley

Injured: Keeper David Martin was taken off at half-time

Rugby World Cup tickets to go on sale from September

RUGBY WORLD CUP

TICKETS for next year's Rugby World Cup in England will go on sale to the general public next month, with the three Milton Keynes matches at stadiummk up for grabs.

Up to one million tickets will be available to fans across the world, and applications will be opened on September 12 and close on September 29.

The games taking place in the city are France v Canada on October 1, Samoa against Japan on October 3 and Fiji against a yet to be decided play-off winner on October 6.

Fiji's opponents will be either Russia or Uruguay, who face each other in a two leg play-off to earn the final space at the World Cup on September 27 and October 11.

Debbie Jevans, CEO of England Rugby 2015, said: "We are about to embark on an exciting period in the build up to Rugby World Cup 2015, as tickets go on general sale next month. The tournament is now just over one year away and the rugby world is counting down.

"We have worked hard to develop a ticketing system which makes the application process easy and efficient, and offers flexibility to fans. It's a great opportunity for the whole nation to watch the best teams in the world compete for rugby's most prestigious prize."

Tickets will be priced in four categories for all 48 matches, starting at £15 for adults. Child tickets, priced from £7, will be available for 41 matches. Fans will need to create an account at tickets.rugbyworldcup.com in order to apply, and can apply for up to four tickets per match. For 15 fixtures fans can apply for up to 15 tickets.

Tickets will not be sold on a first come, first served basis as oversubscribed matches and price categories will go to a ballot to ensure fair allocation.

A number of tools have been introduced in a bid to help fans including 'Match Manager' – which allows supporters to limit their spend by submitting an application for several matches but capping the number of matches they can be allocated.

Fans can also opt to be allocated tickets at the next highest price category in the event that tickets at their selected category are oversubscribed or unavailable.

Those applying will be informed of which tickets they have been successful in purchasing in October. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis from November.

The general sale follows the successful Rugby Community Ticket sales campaign in England and Wales in May. This followed the launch of official supporter tour packages and official hospitality packages, which opened at the start of the year and has seen strong sales around the world.

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Afobe strike seals a fine three points

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taking an early lead. A minute later and some great build-up play resulted in Ben Reeves picking up the ball on the edge of the box, but all he could do was power his right-footed shot into a couple of defenders, and the Spireites were able to clear.

Chesterfield threatened with a couple of breaks forward that were dealt with by the Dons defence, but last season's League Two champions, who have won their first two league games of the campaign, were attacking with confidence. It was a different story at the back though, and Afobe was causing Chesterfield all manner of problems, exposing their defence with another run that the home side managed to clear.

A cross by Daniel Jones was met with a crucial intervention by Dons' Antony Kay, while Samy Morsy shot on target on the quarter-hour.

But defensively Chesterfield still looked unsure, and Dean Bowditch drove into the box for Afobe, but the on-loan Arsenal man's touch wasn't the best, and the hosts cleared.

A minute later and Lee Hodson produced a great cross from the right, Bowditch got a touch on the ball, and Reeves got onto the end of the cross, but his effort went agonisingly wide.

It was a high-tempo beginning, with both sides looking good offensively, but slightly ropey at the back. In the 22nd minute it was Chesterfield's turn to attack, with Gary Roberts curling an effort in on goal which Kyle McFadzean did very well to head clear.

Afobe continued to look a handful up front for Dons, but so did Chesterfield every time they went forward, and Morsy unleashed a 25-yard strike which David Martin was alert enough to save on 24 minutes.

On the half hour, Chesterfield should have taken the lead. McFadzean headed the ball off the line after the home side got a shot off, but Dons failed to fully clear. The ball was played back in, and in the six-yard box with the goal gaping, Sam Hird could only head the ball against the post.

The game took on a more ferocious mood when Gary Roberts went into a challenge with

Watching on: Dons boss Karl Robinson

David Martin studs first, which led to a bit of a melee as Dons players came to the keeper's defence, and McFadzean and Roberts found themselves in the referee's book.

Afobe could only volley Bowditch's lofted ball over the top moments later, but the home side really deserved to be in front.

Ex-Don Jay O'Shea was then close to latching onto a Morsy through-ball, but Daniel Powell was on hand to clear the danger.

Dons ended the half under a barrage of corners, but they managed to hold on until the interval at 0-0.

The visitors were soon forced into two changes, with Ian McLoughlin having to replace Martin between the sticks, and Lee Hodson departing on a stretcher after also going off with an injury. Shortly after the re-start Eoin Doyle was given a great chance for Chesterfield after a mix-up between McFadzean and Kay. However, he lifted his shot high over McLoughlin.

It was a let-off for Dons and they then took the lead through Afobe.

Taking the ball up on the right, he drove forward, and lashed the ball beyond Lee in the 49th minute to make it 1-0 to Dons – a scoreline which was perhaps harsh on Chesterfield.

Five minutes later and Dons had a stonewall penalty turned down. Afobe threaded the ball through for Powell, who was bundled down as Lee dove at the winger's feet, but somehow referee Darren Drysdale gave a goal kick, to the bewilderment of the Dons bench.

Hodson's replacement George Baldock produced a wonderful teasing cross into the six-yard box in the 65th minute, but no Dons player could connect with the ball.

If the first half had been all Chesterfield, the second half was starting to become all Dons. And in the 69th minute, Afobe should have got his second. With only the keeper to beat after a great cross in, the striker failed to even get a touch on the ball as a massive chance went begging for Robinson's men.

At least Dons could be thankful that the curse of the ex-player would not strike when O'Shea was substituted in the 63rd minute, as both sides continued to stretch each other's defence.

The Spireites gave Dons a couple of reminders as they failed to make the most of good, searching crosses.

Dons were in danger of trying to walk the ball in when Bowditch tried to thread Afobe through when he would have been better shooting.

As the game entered the final 15 minutes, Chesterfield threw attack after attack at Dons, but brave headers kept the home side at bay.

Afobe was once again shoved over from behind with eight minutes left, but the referee once again waved away the protests.

Captain Ian Evatt had a glorious chance to level in the 92nd minute for the Spireites, but he could only head his close-range effort over the bar. And that would be the last chance as Dons held on for an excellent three points.

SPORTSSHORTS

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

OUSE Valley Eagles are gearing up for their play-off quarter final on Sunday at Solent Thrashers after qualifying as the seventh seed. This is the Eagles' first season after they were formed after a merger between MK Pathfinders and Bedfordshire Blue Raiders.

WAKEBOARDING

CHLOE Goudie, 19, won the 2014 Cable Wakeboarding World Championships in Norway last week, with 15-year-old Lottie Harbottle winning the bronze.

The girls both train at the WakeMK cable wakeboarding centre at Willen Lake.

TENNIS

LAUREN Armstrong lost her first round match against fifth seed Ali Collins in the U14 female event at the Nike Junior National Tennis Championships at Nottingham Tennis Centre. But she did beat Eleanor Chapman and Gemma Poland alongside Esther Adeshina in the doubles.

GLIDING

THREE-time European Gliding Champion Pete Harvey from Hanslope finished sixth in the Open Class at the World Gliding Championships at Leszno in Poland. Flying his JS-1 glider, Pete, 55, was never out of the top six overall.

ICE HOCKEY

TICKET prices for MK Lightning will be frozen at 2012-13 levels when the season begins. The team returns to the city this season after their home rink was refurbished last year.

• MKL have signed Czech forward Milan Kostourek from Polish side Cracovia Krakow.

ATHLETICS

MK ATHLETIC Club's Devon Byrne has been selected for England for the Home Countries multi-event international in August.

There was a gold medal for the club at the South of England U17/U15 Championships at Crystal Palace as Jonathan Pownall threw 57.08m to win the M17 javelin.

Another excellent run by Daniel Webber saw him take third in the Kimbolton half marathon and Lara Bromilow continued her great form as the first female home in the Regents Park Summer 10k.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town lost 2-1 to Leverstock Green in the FA Cup extra premliminary round after drawing 1-1 with Oadby Town in the United Counties League Premier Division midweek. Olney Town lost 5-2 to Peterborough Sports on Saturday in UCL Division One, having drawn 2-2 with Woodford midweek.

In Division One of the Spartan South Midlands Football League, Stony Stratford Town drew 1-1 with Amersham Town. In Division Two New Bradwell St Peter beat Aston Clinton 2-1, Old Bradwell United won 2-1 at Mursley United and Wolverton Town lost 1-0 against Ealing Town.

CRICKET

North Crawley knocked off the top of table

Northants Premier League

STONY Stratford picked up an excellent draw against second-placed Rushton.

Andrew Reynoldson struck 106 for the title chasers in the first innings as they posted an imposing 238-5, with Bradley Armer not out on 46.

Alex Strong and Russell White notched up a couple of wickets each, while Graham Simpson also got one for Stony.

In the second innings Hayden Mullins scored an impressive 56 as Stony batted it out for the draw.

Jilesh Pattni also struck an accomplished 26 from number seven as Stony scored 141-7 from their 55 overs to frustrate Rushton.

The result still leaves Stony second from bottom, but they are now 57 points ahead of last-placed Burton Latimer, who are as it stands the only team who would be relegated.

Cherwell Cricket League

WOLVERTON Town's Division One title chances look all but over after they lost by two wickets to Tiddington, leaving them 60 points behind leaders Buckingham Town.

Town were bowled out for 165 in the first innings, with Zack Wade scoring 46 and Shazhad Mohamed 40. Nadeem Shahzad then claimed 3-19 with the ball for Town, but it was not enough as Tiddington reached their target with two wickets to spare.

Great Brickhill salvaged a draw as they scored 222-9 against Thame Town, who recorded 255-5 in the first innings. Michael Baker picked up 49, Anton de Beer scored 41 and Archie Hammond recorded 42.

In Division Three, Bletchley Town lost by 115 runs to Great and Little Tew Seconds.

Bletchley were all out for 109 after their opponents declared on 224-9.

Four Counties League

NORTH Crawley were knocked off the top of the Division One table after losing to Milton Keynes by just 11 runs.

Milton Keynes were bowled out for 169, but despite opener Matthew Esh scoring 50, North Crawley were dismissed for 158.

Elstow went top after beating New City by 47 runs, while Milton Keynes City were defeated by Thurleigh in a 29-run loss.

Olney Town ran out of time to beat Biddenham in a crucial relegation encounter.

Biddenham were all out for 172, but Olney only reached 170-8 in the second innings after their 45 overs.

In Division Two, relegation-threatened Old Bradwell beat promotion-chasing New Bradwell by two wickets. It leaves the second promotion spot occupied by Aspley Guise, who drew with Bromham.

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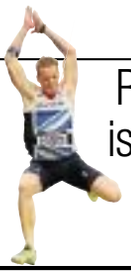

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Robbo to bring in defender with Man Utd cash after Hodson blow

LEAGUE ONE
CHESTERFIELD 0
MILTON KEYNES DONS 1

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MK DONS manager Karl Robinson wants to delve into the transfer market for another defender with cash that is to come from the Manchester United game.

With stadiummk close to selling out for next week's Capital One Cup match, Robinson wants to use that cash to bring in another defender – something made even more important after full-back Lee Hodson was carried off as Chesterfield were beaten.

"I'm going to go into the transfer market this week, hopefully for another defender, and bring in that support, because losing Lee today we're going to look low on the ground," said Robinson last night.

His side won three excellent points against an impressive Chesterfield outfit, with Benik Afobe grabbing the only goal.

"This is a good side here with their energy but I thought we were very good," he said.

"For all the pressure we soaked up I think we had six chances and Benik scored the hardest one. We have to put games to bed, but it's a good win for us.

"It was almost like the toss of a coin between Benik or Will [Grigg] because they're both fantastic footballers and I don't know who I'll go with on Saturday."

There have been many occasions when Dons have battered teams offensively and not come away with as much as a point, but the roles were most definitely reversed in Derbyshire as Chesterfield had the lion's share of the chances.

Afobe, preferred to Grigg up front for this match, used his strength to turn his man to perfection in the fourth minute. Through one-on-one with the keeper, Tommy Lee closed down the gap and saved with his foot to deny Dons from

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MATCH WINNER: Benik Afobe grabbed the only goal for Dons at Chesterfield

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